

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

CRIMINAL/JURY TRIALS: Provides relative to juror qualifications

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401(A)(6), relative to juror qualifications; to
3 prohibit persons convicted of violent crimes and sex crimes from serving as a juror;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401(A)(6) is hereby enacted to read
7 as follows:

8 Art. 401. General qualifications of jurors

9 A. In order to qualify to serve as a juror, a person shall meet all of the
10 following requirements:

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12 (6) Not have been convicted at any time of a crime of violence as defined in
13 R.S. 14:2(B) or a sex offense as defined in R.S. 15:541(24).

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits persons convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense from serving as a juror.

Present law provides for the qualifications a person must meet to serve as a juror.

Proposed law provides that in order to serve as a juror, a person must never have been convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense.

(Adds C.Cr.P. Art. 401(A)(6))